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Report Says President Has Decided Not to Name Woods for Agency Post

President Kennedy yesterday was reported to have decided against nominating George D. Woods, board chairman of the First Boston Corp., as director of the new Agency for International Development.

It also was learned that Fowler Hamilton, New York attorney who had been reported as a possible successor to Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, had asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

The White House said last

month that Dulles intended to retire as CIA director by the end of the year. Hamilton had been prominently mentioned as his successor.

Reliable sources on Capitol Hill said the President had decided that Woods' connection with the Dixon-Yates case, in which his company was involved, would cause too much of a furor in the Senate.

Several leading Senators registered strong opposition to the appointment when it

was reported last week that Woods would succeed Henry R. Labouisse Jr. as head of the aid agency.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, declined comment on the report that the President would not send Woods' name to the Senate. Salinger said the President had reached no decision on who would be named and noted that the White House had never confirmed nor denied reports that Woods was being considered.

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